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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 14, 2004, corn and grain sorghum harvest progressed at a slower pace than previous weeks, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Last week’s freezing temperatures should hasten grain moisture dry down but harvest progress continued to be hindered by damp conditions and available storage space. Producer activities included fall harvest, putting cattle out on crop residue, and applying anhydrous ammonia.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week ranged from 2 degrees below normals to 2 degrees above normals. Precipitation was mostly limited to the southern half of the state. Amounts received were largest in portions of the south and east with a few reports exceeding three-fourths of an inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending November 14, 2004				
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	16	11	32	27
Short	30	26	37	34
Adequate	54	63	31	38
Surplus	0	0	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	34	33	44	39
Short	35	32	41	37
Adequate	31	35	15	24
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.5

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 82 percent complete, nearly two weeks behind last year at 94 and average at 93.

Sorghum harvest was 85 percent complete, nearly two weeks behind last year at 95 and average at 96.

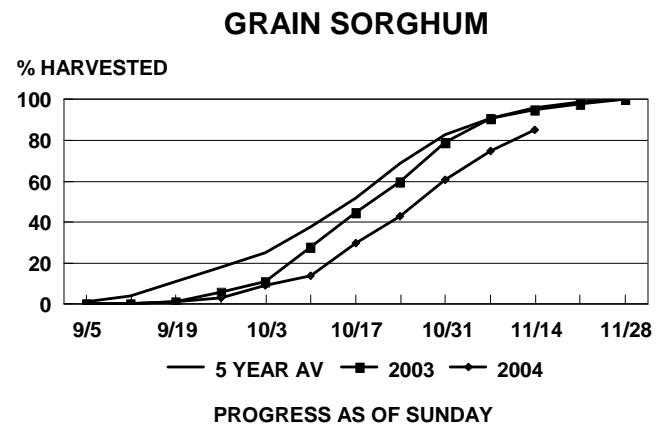
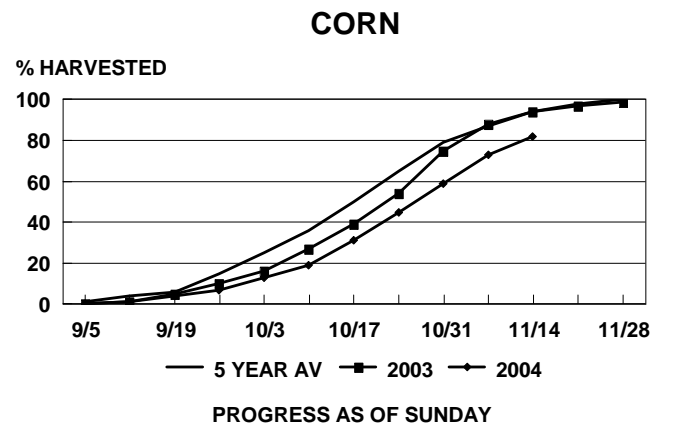
Wheat conditions declined and rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 47 good, and 11 excellent, above last year but below average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 14, 2004				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Corn Harvested	82	73	94	93
Sorghum Harvested	85	75	95	96

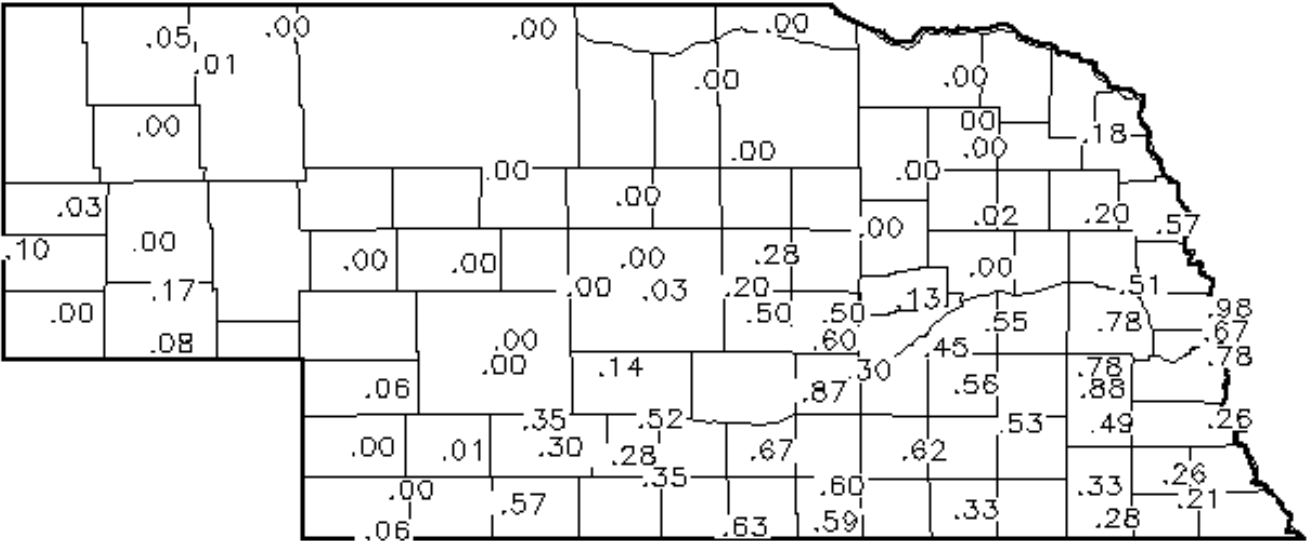
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 14, 2004					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Wheat	1	3	38	47	11

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle continued to be turned out into stalk fields to glean crop residue.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm. For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2004.htm>.



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending November 14, 2004



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - November 14, 2004

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week 1	.04	.00	.11	.31	.59	.19	.57	.33
Total since April 1	15.21	18.94	21.46	20.02	19.49	20.21	20.49	19.84
Normal since April 1	14.18	18.34	21.64	20.18	23.87	17.01	19.94	25.11
Total as % of normal	107%	103%	99%	99%	81%	118%	103%	79%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

Temperature, By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 14, 2004

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	65	16	35	-1
	Scottsbluff	61	20	36	-1
	Sidney	66	21	36	-1
NC	Ainsworth	68	15	40	+2
	Arthur	68	13	37	0
	O'Neill	67	11	38	0
NE	Concord	67	16	38	-1
	Elgin	66	13	38	-1
	West Point	70	14	39	-2
C	Grand Island	67	21	40	+2
	Lexington	72	19	41	+3
	Ord	68	16	39	0
EC	Lincoln	67	21	42	0
	Central City	67	17	40	+1
	Mead	70	18	40	-1
SW	Champion	73	18	39	+2
	North Platte	72	11	39	+1
	Curtis	71	19	40	+2
SC	Smithfield	72	20	39	+1
	Minden	69	21	40	+2
	Red Cloud	69	22	41	+2
SE	Beatrice	68	19	41	-1
	Clay Center	67	21	40	+1
	Nemaha	68	26	44	+2

Source: High Plains Climate Center.